

# **State of Alaska FY2010 Governor's Operating Budget**

## **Department of Labor and Workforce Development Adult Basic Education Component Budget Summary**

## Component: Adult Basic Education

### Contribution to Department's Mission

The Adult Basic Education component contributes to the department's mission by providing adult learners instruction in the basic skills of reading, writing, mathematics, English as a Second Language (ESL), and GED (General Educational Development) preparation and testing.

### Core Services

- Provide Alaskans instruction in basic skills of reading, writing, mathematics, and General Educational Development (GED) preparation and testing, through grantees.
- Provide adult students instruction in speaking, reading, and writing English as a Second Language, through grantees.

### FY2010 Resources Allocated to Achieve Results

<b>FY2010 Component Budget: \$3,265,000</b>	<b>Personnel:</b>	
	Full time	3
	Part time	0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>

### Key Component Challenges

The high demand for Adult Basic Education (ABE) services continues. The emphasis on basic skills education includes a growing demand to provide ABE instruction for Alaskans preparing to enter apprenticeship and training programs.

ABE Programs expect increased student attendance as students attempt to study and complete the GED battery of tests before GED Testing Service introduces the next version of tests in 2012. Examinees must complete testing they have begun in the current series as scores will not transfer into the new GED test version. Approximately 4,000 Alaskans have already begun but have not completed testing with the current version. ABE Programs will be expected to advertise, publicize, and contact in person as many affected students as possible.

Federally mandated data quality and reporting requirements necessitate a high degree of reliability and validity with in-depth analysis. To meet the mandated requirements, the ABE program has developed a student records database that must be maintained, monitored, and updated. The ABE has purchased on-line assessment tests for the ABE and ESL students: the Test of Adult Basic Skills and the Basic English Skills Test oral proficiency test. The ongoing challenge is to maintain, monitor, and if needed, update these computer programs/databases. Also, continuous training must be provided to the regional ABE program staff using these computer tools.

### Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2010

Develop more courses for ABE programs in order to standardize instruction across the state. Four recently developed math courses are currently being piloted across the state.

Increase the use of standardized, web-based student assessment tests. These tests improve the reliability and validity of the students' basic skills evaluation and provide more accurate assessment reports. As a result, the regional ABE programs better assign learning activities enabling students to achieve their educational and employment goals more quickly.

## Major Component Accomplishments in 2008

A total of 1,540 GED diplomas were awarded in FY2008.

During FY2008, a total of 1,734 Alaskan adults completed the five tests in the GED test battery, and 88% of them successfully passed their exams and earned their GEDs.

During FY2008, approximately 74% of ABE adult students demonstrated increased basic skills knowledge, as measured by pre and post instruction assessment.

The State ABE/GED office continues to process over 2,200 GED transcript requests per year for past graduates seeking employment, enlisting in the military or entering post-secondary training.

## Statutory and Regulatory Authority

### Federal Authority:

Public Law 105-220

Workforce Investment Act of 1998, Title II: Adult Education & Family Literacy

### Statutory Authority:

AS 44.31.020(6)

Duties of the Department of Labor

### Administrative Regulations:

8 AAC 99.010

Delegation of Authority to Issue Diplomas

8 AAC 99.110

High School Equivalency Test

8 AAC 99.120

Eligibility

8 AAC 99.130

Official Test Sites

8 AAC 99.140

State GED Program Office

8 AAC 99.190

Definitions

8 AAC 99.200

Adult Basic Education Grants

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**Adult Basic Education  
Component Financial Summary**

*All dollars shown in thousands*

	FY2008 Actuals	FY2009 Management Plan	FY2010 Governor
<b>Non-Formula Program:</b>			
<b>Component Expenditures:</b>			
71000 Personal Services	262.8	274.8	285.5
72000 Travel	12.7	17.3	17.3
73000 Services	130.8	146.7	146.7
74000 Commodities	3.5	35.7	31.8
75000 Capital Outlay	0.0	0.0	0.0
77000 Grants, Benefits	2,722.0	2,783.7	2,783.7
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Expenditure Totals</b>	<b>3,131.8</b>	<b>3,258.2</b>	<b>3,265.0</b>
<b>Funding Sources:</b>			
1002 Federal Receipts	1,032.6	1,150.6	1,152.3
1003 General Fund Match	1,570.4	2,107.6	2,112.7
1004 General Fund Receipts	528.8	0.0	0.0
<b>Funding Totals</b>	<b>3,131.8</b>	<b>3,258.2</b>	<b>3,265.0</b>

**Estimated Revenue Collections**

Description	Master Revenue Account	FY2008 Actuals	FY2009 Management Plan	FY2010 Governor
<b>Unrestricted Revenues</b>				
None.		0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Unrestricted Total</b>		<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>Restricted Revenues</b>				
Federal Receipts	51010	1,032.6	1,150.6	1,152.3
<b>Restricted Total</b>		<b>1,032.6</b>	<b>1,150.6</b>	<b>1,152.3</b>
<b>Total Estimated Revenues</b>		<b>1,032.6</b>	<b>1,150.6</b>	<b>1,152.3</b>

**Summary of Component Budget Changes  
From FY2009 Management Plan to FY2010 Governor**

*All dollars shown in thousands*

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
<b>FY2009 Management Plan</b>	<b>2,107.6</b>	<b>1,150.6</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>3,258.2</b>
<b>Adjustments which will continue current level of service:</b>				
-FY2010 Wage and Health Insurance Increases for Bargaining Units with Existing Agreements	5.1	1.7	0.0	6.8
<b>FY2010 Governor</b>	<b>2,112.7</b>	<b>1,152.3</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>3,265.0</b>

**Adult Basic Education  
Personal Services Information**

<b>Authorized Positions</b>			<b>Personal Services Costs</b>	
	<b>FY2009 Management Plan</b>	<b>FY2010 Governor</b>		
Full-time	3	3	Annual Salaries	182,572
Part-time	0	0	COLA	7,322
Nonpermanent	0	0	Premium Pay	0
			Annual Benefits	95,651
			<i>Less 0.02% Vacancy Factor</i>	(45)
			Lump Sum Premium Pay	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Total Personal Services</b>	<b>285,500</b>

**Position Classification Summary**

<b>Job Class Title</b>	<b>Anchorage</b>	<b>Fairbanks</b>	<b>Juneau</b>	<b>Others</b>	<b>Total</b>
Education Assoc I	0	0	1	0	1
Education Specialist II	0	0	1	0	1
Employ Sec Analyst II	0	0	1	0	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>